

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3
INCIDENT NO. 2002-001
DATE: September 10, 2002 6:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Homeland Security Threat Level Change.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths and injuries have been reported in North Dakota as a result of terrorist activities.
3. DAMAGES: No damages have been reported, although significant efforts and costs have resulted to state and local governments, as well as the private sector, in terms of heightened security.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: Local emergency operation plan functional and task coordinators, especially law enforcement organizations.
STATE: The Governor and staff, the N.D. State Highway Patrol, the N.D. National Guard, the N.D. Division of Emergency Management, the N.D. Aeronautics Commission and other State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) functional and task coordinators.
FEDERAL: Appropriate federal agencies.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: All North Dakota citizens are urged to engage in Homeland Security initiatives to include reporting suspicious items/activities as part of a "Watch the Neighborhood" effort.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On September 10, 2002, the President of the United States raised the national Homeland Security Alert System threat level from yellow (elevated) to orange (high). As a result of this effort, Governor John Hoeven directed state and local emergency personnel throughout North Dakota to implement security measures for the heightened state of alert. This action prompted the following protective measures in North Dakota:
 - ?? Activation of the North Dakota Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the SEOP by the Governor;
 - ?? Briefing for the functional coordinators assigned responsibility in the SEOP, and appropriate follow-up action;
 - ?? Implementation by the N.D. Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, the National Guard and other appropriate state, federal and private organizations of protective measures for critical facilities, infrastructure, government buildings and high profile events;

?? Placement of appropriate state and local functional and task coordinators on standby; and

?? Implementation of plans to disseminate accurate public information.

On September 10, Governor Hoeven, the State Homeland Security Coordinator, the Highway Patrol Superintendent and National Guard officials provided citizens with Homeland Security guidelines during media interviews and news releases. They cautioned citizens to be alert to suspicious behavior while conducting their daily activities.

The North Dakota National Guard began 24-hour operations at the State EOC on September 10. On Wednesday, September 11, the National Guard is planning to implement controlled access to its regional armory sites in Minot, Devils Lake, Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck. Also on September 11, armed guards will assist the North Dakota Highway Patrol during the September 11th Anniversary Commemoration ceremony at the State Capitol.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local, tribal, federal and private entity emergency operations plans (EOPs) and procedures have been implemented.

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